



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : CHOU et al. Confirmation No: 7579  
Appl. No. : 10/809,357  
Filed : March 26, 2004  
Title : Welding Flux for Use in Arc-Welding of Stainless Steels,  
Method for Welding Stainless Steel Members Using the  
Welding Flux

TC/A.U. : 1742  
Examiner : D. J. Jenkins

Docket No.: CHOU3097/REF  
Customer No: 23364

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extend pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for ONE (1) month to November 6, 2005.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a) for a one month extension of time is \$60.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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